

# Multi-Modality in Music: Predicting Emotion in Music from High-Level Audio Feature and Lyrics

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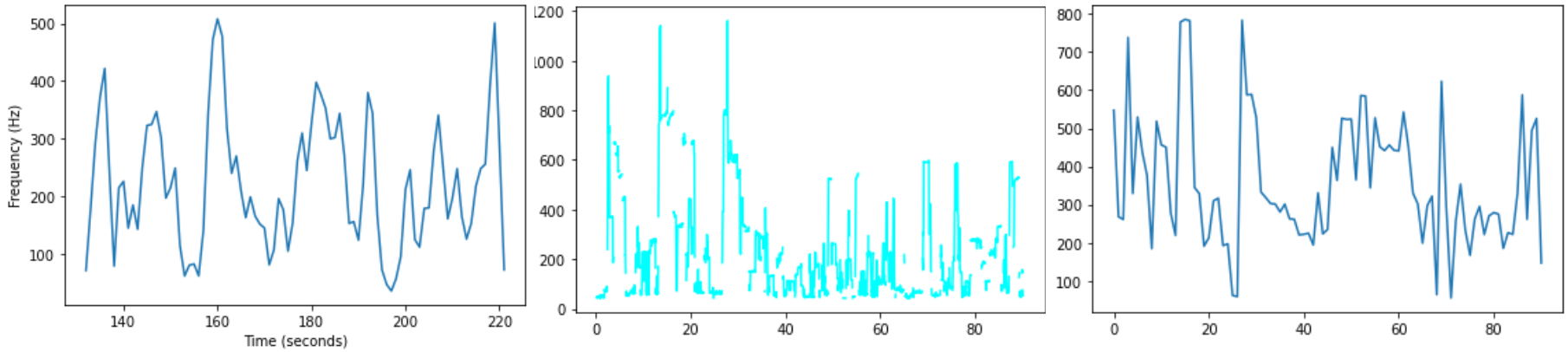
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## Why are high-level features necessary?

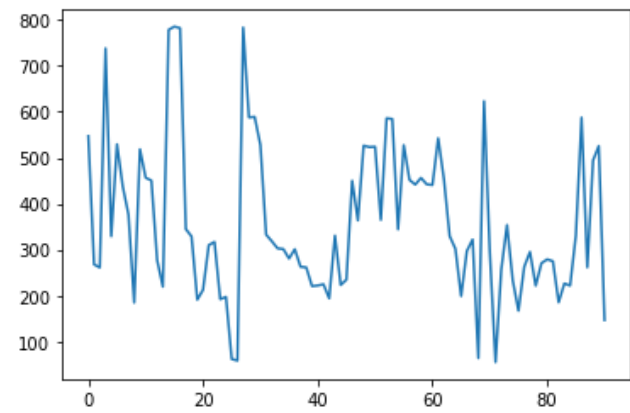
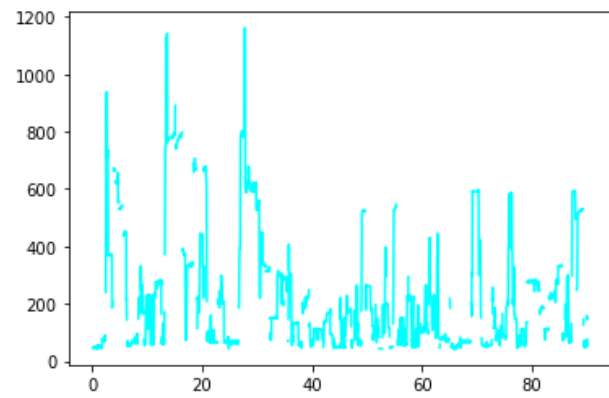
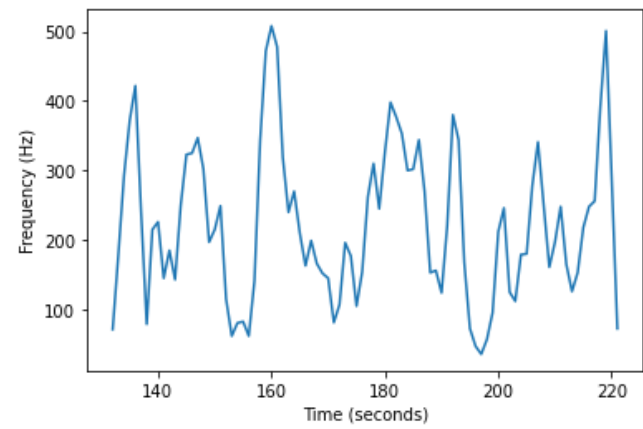
1. Music is one of the most complex forms of art created by humans
2. Music provides a highly subjective experience to people

- A single song is composed of thousands of low-level features, and each feature interacts with each other to create the unique characteristics of a song
- High-level features are typically obtained by combining and analyzing the characteristics of low-level features extracted from music data

**Combination of low-level features  
(Frequency, pitch, Chord)**



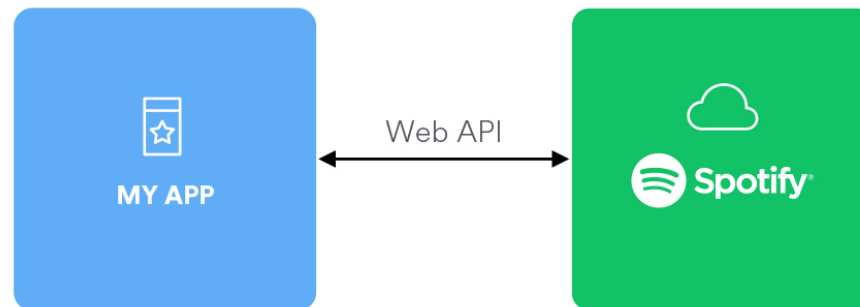
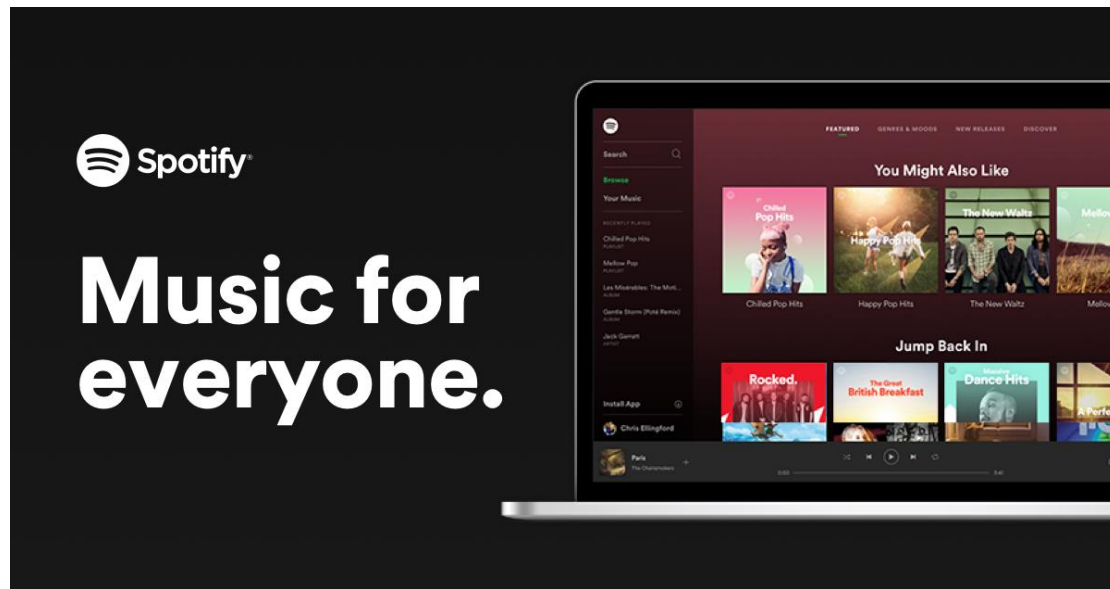
**High-level features**



## 1. Background

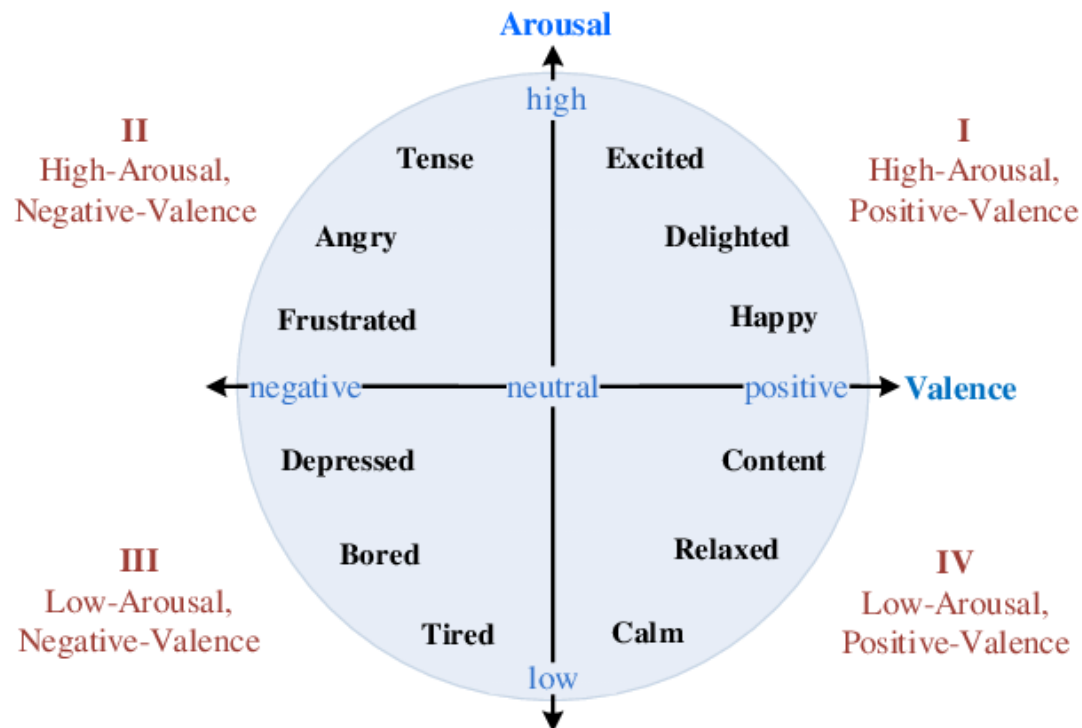
# Spotify

- Spotify is one of the most popular music streaming services in the world, with over 70 million users worldwide



## Valence-Arousal space

- Valence-Arousal space is a 2-dimensional coordinate system used to represent emotions
- Valence represents the degree of positive/negative emotion, while Arousal represents the degree of activity/calmness of the emotion
- They are measured on a scale of -1 to 1, depending on the degree



Russell, A circumplex model of affect (1980)

## 1. Background

# Spotify open API feature

- Used features and description taken from the Spotify documentation

Feature	Description
<b>Acousticness</b>	A confidence measure from 0.0 to 1.0 of whether the track is acoustic
<b>Danceability</b>	Danceability describes how suitable a track is for dancing based on a combination of musical elements including tempo, rhythm stability, beat strength, and overall regularity
<b>Energy</b>	Energy is a measure from 0.0 to 1.0 and represents a perceptual measure of intensity and activity
<b>Instrumentalness</b>	Predicts whether a track contains no vocals. "Ooh" and "aah" sounds are treated as instrumental in this context
<b>Key</b>	The estimated overall key of the track. Integers map to pitches using standard Pitch Class notation
<b>Liveness</b>	Detects the presence of an audience in the recording. Higher liveness values represent an increased probability that the track was performed live
<b>Loudness</b>	The overall loudness of a track in decibels (dB)
<b>Mode</b>	Indicates the modality (major or minor) of a track
<b>Speechiness</b>	Detects the presence of spoken words in a track. The more exclusively speech-like the recording (e.g. talk show, audio book, poetry)
<b>Tempo</b>	The overall estimated tempo of a track in beats per minute (BPM)
<b>Valence</b>	A measure from 0.0 to 1.0 describing the musical positiveness conveyed by a track



## 2. Introduction

# Why MER(Music Emotion Recognition) is difficult

- Lack of clear benchmark data and measurement metrics for results

## Speech Emotion Recognition

72 papers with code • 13 benchmarks • 14 datasets

Categorical speech emotion recognition. Emotion categories: Happy (+ excitement), Sad, Neutral, Angry Modality: Speech Only

For multimodal emotion recognition, please upload your result to [Multimodal Emotion Recognition on IEMOCAP](#)

### Benchmarks

Add a Result

These leaderboards are used to track progress in Speech Emotion Recognition

Trend	Dataset	Best Model	Paper	Code	Compare
	IEMOCAP	DANN			<a href="#">See all</a>
	CREMA-D	SepTr + LeRaC			<a href="#">See all</a>
	RAVDESS	TIM-Net			<a href="#">See all</a>

Rank	Model	WA ↑	UA	F1	Accuracy	Macro Recall	Paper
1	DANN	0.827	-	-			<a href="#">Context-Dependent Domain Adversarial Neural Network for Multimodal Emotion Recognition</a>
2	TAP	0.81					<a href="#">Speaker Normalization for Self-supervised Speech Emotion Recognition</a>
3	SYSComb: BLSTMATT with CSA	0.805	0.74	-			<a href="#">Empirical Interpretation of Speech Emotion Perception with Attention Based Model for Speech Emotion Recognition</a>
4	Partially Fine-tuned HuBERT Large	0.796					<a href="#">A Fine-tuned Wav2vec 2.0/HuBERT Benchmark For Speech Emotion Recognition, Speaker Verification and Spoken Language Understanding</a>
5	LSTM+FC	0.755	-	-			<a href="#">Speech Emotion Recognition Using Speech Feature and Word Embedding</a>

## Music Emotion Recognition

5 papers with code • 0 benchmarks • 2 datasets

This task has no description! [Would you like to contribute one?](#)

### Benchmarks

Add a Result

These leaderboards are used to track progress in Music Emotion Recognition

No evaluation results yet. Help compare methods by [submitting evaluation metrics](#).

### Datasets

RAVDESS VGMIDI

### Most implemented papers

Most implemented Social Latest No code

Search for a paper, author or keyword

#### Tracing Back Music Emotion Predictions to Sound Sources and Intuitive Perceptual Qualities

CPJKU/audioLIME • 14 Jun 2021

In previous work, we have shown how to derive explanations of model predictions in terms of spectrogram image segments that connect to the high-level emotion prediction via a layer of easily interpretable perceptual features.

[Paper](#) [Code](#)

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#### Music Mood Detection Based On Audio And Lyrics With Deep Neural Net

Dohppak/Music-Emotion-Recognition-Classification • PyTorch • 19 Sep 2018

We consider the task of multimodal music mood prediction based on the audio

[Paper](#) [Code](#)

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## Related works

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### MER as Regression Task

- *Yang, Yi-Hsuan, et al. "A regression approach to music emotion recognition." IEEE Transactions on audio, speech, and language processing 16.2 (2008): 448-457.*
- *Vatolkin, Igor, and Anil Nagathil. "Evaluation of audio feature groups for the prediction of arousal and valence in music." Applications in Statistical Computing: From Music Data Analysis to Industrial Quality Improvement (2019): 305-326.*

### Lyrics as Prediction Metric

- *Han, Donghong, et al. "A survey of music emotion recognition." Frontiers of Computer Science 16.6 (2022): 166335*
- *Hu, Xiao, Kahyun Choi, and J. Stephen Downie. "A framework for evaluating multimodal music mood classification." Journal of the Association for Information Science and Technology 68.2 (2017): 273-285.*

### Higher-level features

- *Panda, Renato, et al. "How Does the Spotify API Compare to the Music Emotion Recognition State-of-the-Art?." 18th Sound and Music Computing Conference (SMC 2021)*
- *Vatolkin, Igor, and Anil Nagathil. "Evaluation of audio feature groups for the prediction of arousal and valence in music." Applications in Statistical Computing: From Music Data Analysis to Industrial Quality Improvement (2019)*

## Problem statement & Key idea

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### Problem statement

This paper aims to address the problem of emotion recognition in music

### Key idea

1. This paper uses a multi-modal approach

- Audio feature : **High-Level audio feature** (Spotify open API)
- Lyrics feature : To represent the lyrical information, they created three types of features (Sentiment information, TF-IDF features, ANEW features)

2. This paper combines tag values from DMDD, LastFM, ANEW, and Spotify data

\* DMDD : Deezer Mood Detection Dataset

\* ANEW : Affective Norms for English Words

# Data

- The DMDD, ANEW, and Spotify data were combined and used, involving three stages of preprocessing

### 1. DMDD (Deezer Mood Detection Dataset)

- Which holds **VA scores for 18,644 songs** and is based on the Million Song Dataset as well as tags from LastFM that are related to mood (V,A range is 1-9)

**E.g. Music – (V : 5, A : 3, sad, tired)**

### 2. VA scores were obtained by applying an extended ANEW (Affective Norms for English Words) dataset

- The dataset is used for studying the relationship between words and emotions. It includes around 14000 English words with emotion weights ranging from 1 to 9
- Measuring three emotional dimensions of words: Valence, Arousal, and Dominance
- With **14,000 words and their respective VA scores to the tags from LastFM**

**E.g. Music – (sad = V:8, A: 3, tired = V:5, A:1)**

### 3. High-level features for all available songs from the DMDD via the Spotify

- Spotify's **valence annotation is derived differently from our ground-truth valence**, avoiding circularity and is also used as a predictive feature for emotion in Panda et al.(2021)

**Ground truth Valence  $\neq$  Sptofiy Valence**

# Extracting Lyrics Features

- Represent the lyrical information, this paper create three types of features

### 1. Sentiment information

- Consisting of positive, negative, neutral and compound scores was obtained with VADER (Valence Aware Dictionary and sEntiment Reasoner) sentiment analysis

### 2. TF-IDF (Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency) features

- TF-IDF stands for "Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency," and it is a method of evaluating how important a specific word is within a document

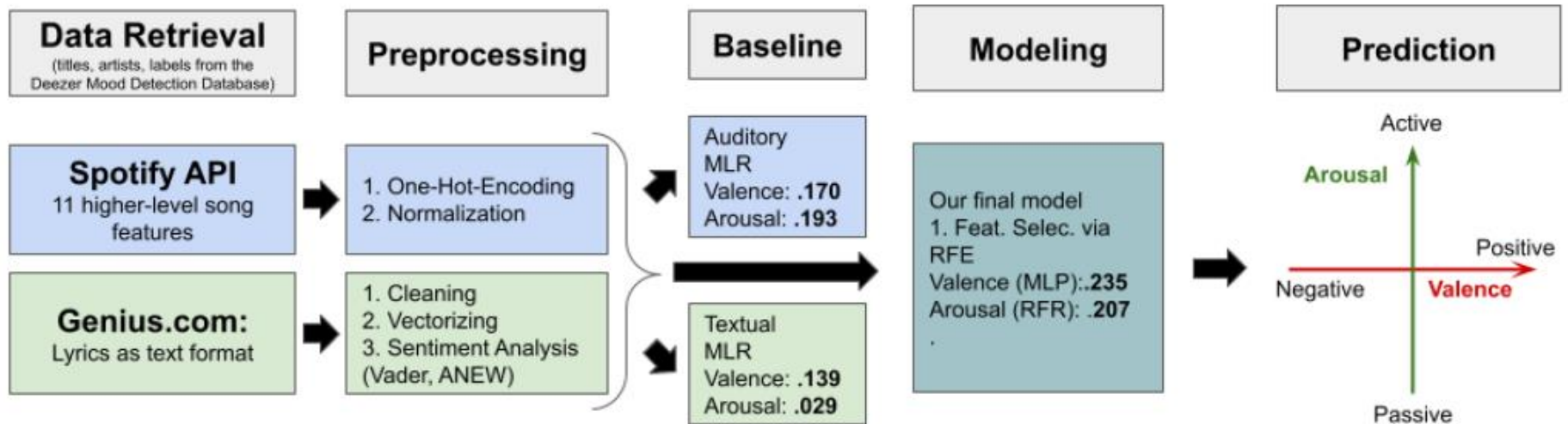
$$TF = \left( \frac{\text{Number of times keyword is found in document}}{\text{Number of words in document}} \right) \quad IDF = \log \left( \frac{\text{Number of documents}}{\text{Number of documents containing the keyword}} \right)$$

### 3. ANEW features

- They generated two count vectors for each pre-processed lyric text and multiplied the counts by the respective VA scores

## Model process

- Audio data : Spotify API
- Lyrics data : Genius.com (crawling)



## Model

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- MLR, RFR, SVR, MLP

### **MLR (Multiple Linear Regression)**

- A statistical technique for modeling the linear relationship between a dependent variable and one or more independent variables

### **RFR (Random Forest Regression)**

- One of the machine learning techniques for regression analysis. RFR is an ensemble method based on decision trees, which learns multiple decision trees to predict results

### **SVR (Support Vector Regression)**

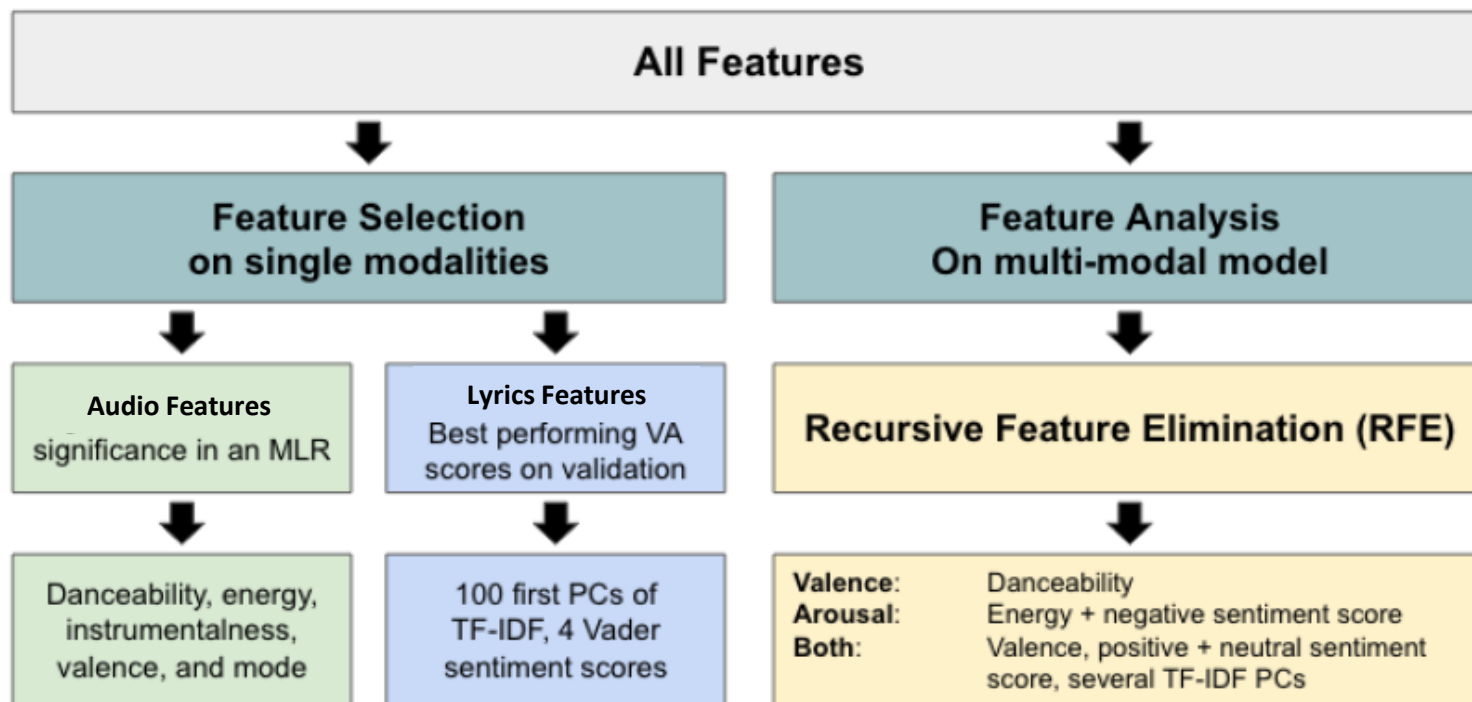
- A machine learning technique for regression analysis. It is a derived algorithm from SVM. SVR performs regression analysis by mapping the data features to a higher-dimensional space and finding the optimal decision boundary (or hyperplane) for regression

### **MLP (Multi-Layer Perceptron)**

- A type of artificial neural network that uses multiple hidden layers to learn complex nonlinear models

## Feature selection

- Feature selection



### Recursive feature elimination (RFE)

- One of the feature selection techniques used in machine learning. It is a method of iteratively training a model and removing features in order to find the most useful features from a given dataset



## Model Results

- $R^2$  test scores for all uni and multi-modal models based on selected feature subsets

### 1. all features\_A

{Acousticness, Danceability, Energy, Instrumentalness, Key, Liveness, Loudness, Mode, Speechiness, Tempo, Valence}

### 2. selected\_A

{Danceability, Energy, Instrumentalness, Valence, Mode}

### 3. all features\_L

{ANEW scores, TF-IDF, 4 Vader sentiment scores}

### 4. selected\_L

{TF-IDF, 4 Vader sentiment scores}

Mode	Model	Valence	Arousal
Audio	MLR	0.170	0.193
	RFR	0.171	<b>0.204</b>
	SVR	0.165	0.203
	MLP	<b>0.176</b>	0.203
Lyrics	MLR	<b>0.139</b>	<b>0.029</b>
	RFR	0.121	0.027
	SVR	0.042	-0.074
	MLP	0.117	0.020
Multi-modal	MLR	<b>0.236</b>	0.190
	RFR	0.224	<b>0.207</b>
	SVR	0.208	0.154
	MLP	0.235	0.196

## Feature Analysis

- p-values of coefficients in MLR
- Valence has 7 significant predictors
- Arousal has 6 significant predictors

Feature	Valence	Arousal
Constant	<b>-1.6885*</b>	<b>-0.9836*</b>
Danceability	<b>0.6915*</b>	<b>-0.3266*</b>
Energy	<b>0.6378*</b>	<b>1.4254*</b>
Loudness	-0.0091	-0.0073
Speechiness	-0.1101	<b>0.3952*</b>
Acousticness	<b>0.1649*</b>	0.0207
Instrumentalness	0.0929	<b>-0.3278*</b>
Liveness	<b>0.1916*</b>	0.0207
Valence	<b>1.0901*</b>	<b>0.5158*</b>
Tempo	0.0005	0.0004
Mode	<b>0.0977*</b>	<b>0.1272*</b>
Compound sentiment	<b>0.2275*</b>	-0.0051

coefficients for MLR. \*significant with  $p < 0.05$

**Constant, Danceability, Energy, Valence, Mode**

## Selected Features Performance

- Compares VA scores of the MLP with all features vs. selected features for each modality

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{Danceability, Energy, Instrumentalness, Valence, Mode}

### 3. all features\_L

{ANEW scores, TF-IDF, 4 Vader sentiment scores}

### 4. selected\_L

{TF-IDF, 4 Vader sentiment scores}

	Feature set	Valence	Arousal
Audio	all_features <sub>A</sub>	0.163	0.193
	selected <sub>A</sub>	<b>0.176</b>	<b>0.203</b>
Lyrics	all_features <sub>L</sub>	0.091	0.009
	selected <sub>L</sub>	<b>0.117</b>	0.019
Multi	all_features <sub>A</sub> + all_features <sub>L</sub>	0.230	0.193
	selected <sub>A</sub> + selected <sub>L</sub>	<b>0.235</b>	<b>0.196</b>

Comparison of MLP  $R^2$  scores for different feature subsets

## Conclusion & Future Directions

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### Conclusion

- Both uni-modal lyrics features and uni-modal audio features reasonably predict valence, although a multi-modal approach outperforms either modality individually
- Predicting arousal is hard to do with lyrics features, since audio features alone perform almost as well as the multi-modal approach

### Future Directions

- Early Feature Fusion -> Late Feature Fusion
- Deep Learning as State-of-the Art
- Vague Annotation Standard

# Q & A